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FUND FOR TELECOM SERVICES IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fund allocated for providing telecom services in West Bengal for each of the last three years and the current financial year, district-wise;

(b) whether the telecom circles have achieved their targets;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the expenditure incurred thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the target is likely to be achieved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The details of the fund allocated, SSA-wise/District- wise, for providing Telecom Services in West Bengal for last three years are given in Annexure-I. Budget Allotment for the current financial year is yet to be firmed up. However, the circle has been authorised to incur upto 1/6th of the previous year allotment for the first two months.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The targets have been achieved in West Bengal for the two years ending 31st March, 2004 cumulatively. The year wise achievement of targets for the year 2004-05 is being firmed up and the provisional figures are indicated below:-

Sl. No.	Year	Targets	Achievement	Exp.(cr)
1	2002-03#	279000	356211	644.52
2	2003-04#	417000	371171	464.55
3	2004-05##	883700	629609	368.22(upto Feb.2005)

The cumulative achievement of 727382 Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) for the two years i.e. 2002-03 & 2003-04 have exceeded the targets of 696000 DELs.

The achievement shown for the year 2004-05 is provisional.

(d) There is a shortfall in achievement of Fixed lines and WLL Connections in the year 2004-05, due to disconnections and non availability of Fixed Wireless Terminals equipments owing to court case and stay granted by the court against procurement.

(e) Advance actions for procurement of CMTS equipments have been taken and equipments would be made available during the year 2005-06 to achieve the targets.

Annexure

SSA/DISTRICT/YEAR WISE DETAILS OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR PROVIDING TELECOM SERVICES IN WEST BENGAL

(AMOUNT IN CRORES OF RUPEES)

SL. NO.	NAME OF SSA/DISTRICT	YEAR 2002-03	YEAR 2003-04	YEAR 2004-05
1	ASANSOL	9.64	4.11	9.31
2	BURDWAN	9.64	14.82	17.11
3	BERHAMPORE	16.2	8.21	9.09

4	BANKURA	14.23	8.13	10.27
5	KOLKOTA	54.8	39.14	74.19
6	COOCHBEHAR	5.46	3.91	4.64
7	DURGAPUR	9.64	8.41	5.29
8	GANGTOK	8.25	4.3	5.13
9	JALPAIGURI	11.77	5.61	4.55
10	KHARAGPUR	28.04	19.87	36.19
11	KRISHNAGAR	19.17	13.57	12.33
12	MALDA	6.23	7.6	8.55
13	PURULIA	5.25	2.73	6.31
14	RAIGUNJ	7.59	3.95	4.35
15	SILIGURI	14.91	7.84	3.07
16	SURI	11.87	7	11.73
17	KOLKATTA CITY	212.24	174.95	267.89
18	CMTS & OTHERS	125.77	83.62	164.81
Total		570.7	417.77	654.81

Allotment under CMTS is for West Bengal Circle as a whole